

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended)      A shock-absorbing structure of a battery cover, comprising:  
  
a battery cover which protects at least one battery; and  
  
a plurality of shock-absorbing ribs formed on an outer surface of the battery cover,  
  
wherein the plurality of shock-absorbing ribs are formed so as to be disposed at positions  
respectively corresponding to positions of a plurality of electrodes of the at least one battery.

2-10. (canceled).

11. (Currently Amended)      A shock-absorbing structure of a battery cover, comprising:  
  
a battery cover which protects at least one battery;  
  
at least one fixing member engaged with an electrode of the at least one battery; and  
  
at least one projection which is formed on an inner surface of the battery cover and can  
abut against the at least one fixing member,  
  
wherein the projection extends towards the at least one fixing member, such that a bottom  
surface of the at least one projection opposes an upper surface of the at least one fixing member.

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12. (original) A shock-absorbing structure according to claim 11, wherein the at least one projection has an annular shape to form a hollow portion therein, and a distal end portion of the electrode is received in the hollow portion of the at least one projection.

13-20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended) The shock-absorbing structure according to claim ~~10~~1, wherein the battery cover is made of an insulative synthetic resin.

22. (currently amended) The shock-absorbing structure according to claim ~~10~~1, wherein each of the plurality of shock-absorbing ribs ~~are positioned so as to be in line with each of the~~  
~~respectively corresponding plurality of electrodes in a vertical direction~~extend in a direction  
perpendicular to the outer surface of the battery cover.